



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

5:00PM

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm.

- 1. Review of the July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Whereupon, City Attorney representative Kimberly Anderson began explaining the Resolutions and Ordinances.

- a. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to move Res2017-031 (Additional 90 Day Zoning Moratorium on all Zoning**

Applications) to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

- b. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to move Ord2017-001 (Charter) to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.
- c. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to move Ord2017-002 (Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinances for the City) to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.
- d. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move Ord2017-003 (Ordinances Governing City Council Meetings) as amended below to the Consent Agenda:

Sec. 2-002. Presiding officer and rules for debate.

(k) Amendments. The proposed amendment shall be included on the agenda for that meeting and distributed to all councilmembers. All amendments require four affirmative votes by the Council for adoption.

And

(s) Hiring of department heads. The city manager shall provide the mayor and council with the resumes of the top three (3) candidates.

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0. Whereupon the City Attorney representative indicated that she neglected to introduce a recommended change to subsection (r).

- e. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to revise subsection (r) and request Counsel to provide a clearer explanation regarding when to confer with the City Attorney.

Councilmember khalid made a friendly amendment to strike subsection (r). The friendly amendment was accepted.

Councilmember Willis made a friendly amendment to establish an internal protocol for conferring with the City Attorney. The friendly amendment was not accepted. The motion was not voted upon.

- f. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to rescind the previous motion d. The motion to rescind (motion d.) passed unanimously 7-0-0.
- g. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to move Ord2017-003 (Ordinances Governing City Council Meetings) as amended below to the Consent Agenda:

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(r) Request for legal opinion. The Attorney will establish a protocol to obtain a formal written legal opinion.

And

(s) Hiring of department heads. The city manager shall provide the mayor and council with the resumes of the top three (3) candidates.

A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Gilyard to remove subsection (r) from the motion g. The friendly amendment was accepted to only amend subsections (k) and (s).

Motion g. passed unanimously 7-0-0, as amended.

- h. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember khalid to strike subsection (r) from Sec. 2-002, Ord2017-003. Councilmembers Jackson, Gilyard, khalid and Baker voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs and Willis voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 4-3-0.**
- i. A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to hold Ord2017-010 (Planning Commission). Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 6-1-0.**
- j. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to move Ord2017-011 (Zoning Board of Appeals) to the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, Councilmembers Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs and khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 5-2-0.**
- k. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid to change the name of the Board of Code Enforcement to the Board of Building Code Enforcement. The motion failed for a lack of a second.**
- l. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to move Ord2017-012 (Board of Code Enforcement) to the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Councilmember khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 6-1-0.**
- m. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move Ord2017-013 (Building Regulations) to the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Councilmember khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 6-1-0.**

- n. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid to offer a substitute Resolution for the Resolution submitted by staff (Res2017-032). The motion failed for a lack of a second.**
- o. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to move Res2017-032 (Employee Holiday Calendar) presented by staff to the Consent Agenda “as is.” Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, Councilmembers Willis, Gilyard and Baker voted yea. Councilmembers Gumbs, Jackson and khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed 4-3-0.**
- p. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to accept the Pay & Scale for Code Enforcement as presented by HR and the City Manager. No vote was taken on the motion, since the item was for presentation only during the Work Session.**
- q. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Baker to move the Recruitment Plans, Hiring Update and salaries to an Executive Session regarding Personnel. A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Gilyard to discuss the methodology in public. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.**

Other discussion

Whereupon Councilmember Baker presented a Resolution regarding Budgetary Controls for Members of the City Council.

- r. A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to place on the Consent Agenda Res2017-033 (Budgetary Controls for**

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**Members of the City Council) at a reduced rate (40%) for
fiscal year 2017. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.**

The Work Session was adjourned by Mayor Edwards at 6:40pm.

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DIVIDER SHEET

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:00pm. A quorum was present.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren L. Henry, Chaplain.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited in unison.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

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A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Gilyard to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move the hiring update (personnel related matters) to an Executive Session regarding Personnel. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Baker to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

- a. Proclamation recognizing Patrick & Ishtar Muhammad and Your Faith Farms Appreciation Day. (Gilyard)**

Proclamation was presented.

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.**

The following citizens offered public comment:

- Georgia State Representative William Boddie, Jr. (Congratulations, Thank you, upcoming State Legislature)**
- Dr. Debra Pearson (Residential Tree Ordinance regarding preservation)**
- Mr. Donald Hindman (CSX trains that block crossings in District 7 and shutdown the community and emergency responders)**
- Mr. Marcus Coleman (Family of Nikki Bolden, declaring Old National Day the day before Labor Day – Nikki Bolden/OldNat Day)**

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- Ms. Wanda Ibidapo (Regulation of the hours of operation for the Fulton County firing range at Wolf Creek to be more conducive and less detrimental to the community)
- Ms. Denise Hamb (Requested status of hearing the white papers from the 14 committees who compiled information and made recommendations under the Transition Commission; trash problems on Jones Road off Cedar Grove at South Fulton Parkway; thank you for the “under surveillance” signs)
- Mr. Kevin Marquez (Educator requesting help with programs for kids outside of school)
- Mr. Avon Spence (Concerned with trash and illegal dumping)
- Ms. Glenda Collins (Itemized monthly listing of salaries and benefits for employees, whether it will exceed the amount for the 5 months that have been budgeted, and presenting this information to the citizens)
- Ms. Pat Smith (Loch Lomond resident who is in limbo with respect to residency; applying for positions in the City of South Fulton if you live within the City of Atlanta)
- Ms. Robin Higginbotham (Homelessness issues)
- Mr. Preston Penn Sr. (Walden Park resident; Issues with semi-trucks and 18-wheelers, no trucks in residential areas)

8. Business

a. Resolution

- i. Resolution Imposing an Additional 90 Day Zoning Moratorium on all Zoning Applications for property within the City of South Fulton (**Res2017-031**). **[APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**

b. Ordinances

- i. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance to Recognize Act Number 421 of the 2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly as the Charter of the City of South Fulton; to

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Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes
**(Ord2017-001, April 29, 2017); [APPROVED UNDER
THE CONSENT AGENDA]**

- ii. **[SECOND READING]** Ordinance to Adopt a Code of Ordinances for the City of South Fulton **(Ord2017-002, April 29, 2017); [APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- iii. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinances Governing City Council Meetings - Operational Ordinances **(Ord2017-003, April 29, 2017); [HELD]**

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid to strike subsection (r). The motion was not seconded.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve Ord2017-003 (Ordinances Governing City Council Meetings) as amended/struck below:

Sec. 2-002. Presiding officer and rules for debate.

(k) Amendments. Any amendment to this division by a councilmember shall be submitted to the clerk in writing one week before the designated meeting. The proposed amendment shall be included on the agenda for that meeting and distributed to all councilmembers. All amendments require four affirmative votes by the Council for adoption.

(r) Request for legal opinion. The Attorney will establish a protocol to obtain a formal written legal opinion.

And

(s) Hiring of department heads. At least ten (10) business days prior to the council vote to fill a vacant department head position, the city manager shall provide the mayor and council with the resumes of the top three (3) candidates.

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The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0. Councilmember khalid expressed concerns.

- iv. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Planning Commission for the City of South Fulton **(Ord2017-010, June 27, 2017); [APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- v. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of South Fulton **(Ord2017-011, June 27, 2017); [APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- vi. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Board of Code Enforcement for the City of South Fulton **(Ord2017-012, June 27, 2017); [APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- vii. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing Building Regulations **(Ord2017-013, June 27, 2017); and, [APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**
- viii. **[FIRST READING]** Adoption of Ordinance amending Section 3-0001(e) of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances by revising the Building Code to include new requirements for classifying construction based on building height **(Ord2017-014).**

Presented by City Attorney representative Kimberly Anderson for first reading.

At this point, the Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

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c. Other Action Items

- i. Request approval of the Employee Holiday Calendar.

[APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]

- ii. Request approval of the following Board Appointments:

1. Planning Commission

- a. Mr. Harold E. Reid (**Edwards**)
- b. Ms. Pamela C. Harvey (**Willis**)
- c. Mr. Winston Cook (**Jackson**)
- d. ADDED: Ms. Janai C. Walters (**Gilyard**)

2. Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. Mr. Aaron V. Johnson (**Edwards**)
- b. Mr. DeAndre' Mathis (**Willis**)
- c. Ms. Regina Ann Mincey (**Gilyard**)
- d. ~~Mr. Michael Venable~~ REPLACED:
Ms. Amethyst Harris (**Jackson**)

3. Board of Code Enforcement

- a. Ms. Jennifer C. Thompson (**Edwards**)
- b. Mr. Joe Thomas (**Willis**)
- c. Ms. Stacey L. Collier (**Gilyard**)
- d. Ms. Mary Criss (**Jackson**)

d. Presentations & Discussions

- i. Code Enforcement - Pay & Class; and,

Presented by HR staff, Zina Cooper.

- ii. Recruitment Plans for Police Chief and City Manager.

Presented by HR staff, Zina Cooper. Councilmember Gumbs requested a cost analysis be included when the information is presented. Councilmember Jackson indicated her interest to make sure that small business owners are not left out.

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9. City Manager's Weekly Update
 - a. Solid Waste Update
 - b. Hiring Update

Presented by Interim City Manager Ruth C. Jones and City Manager staff, Michael Cuffee (Solid Waste update). Councilmember Willis requested a citywide survey. Councilmember Jackson indicated her interest to make sure that small business owners are not left out.

10. Other (New) Business
 - a. **Resolution to amend Fiscal Year 2017 Budget relating to Budgetary Controls for Members of the City Council (Res2017-033). [INTRODUCED DURING THE WORK SESSION, AND MOVED TO/APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA]**

11. Mayor and City Council Comments

All City Councilmembers and the Mayor made announcements or statements regarding activities in their respective districts or elsewhere in the City.

12. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary

Whereupon, Mayor Edwards recessed the meeting for Executive Session regarding Personnel at 8:29pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to close the meeting for an Executive Session regarding Personnel. Hearing no objection the Executive Session began.

A motion was made by Councilmember Baker and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to close the Executive Session at 9:33pm. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

**IN OPEN SESSION, THE RESULTS OF TWO MOTIONS MADE IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE ANNOUNCED:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Baker to provide all City Councilmembers with a copy of the City Attorney's contract. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Baker to request each Councilmember to submit the name of an Attorney or a Judge to be appointed to a Judiciary Panel to vet names previously submitted by Council to be considered for the position of the Chief Judge of the Municipal Court. Once appointed, the Panel will shortlist the names and provide three (3) finalists back to the City Council for their consideration. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0. And the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

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